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SUBJECT: ICMR PROJECT IN CALI

REF: BOGOTA 5551

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 18, DR D'ALESSANDRO ICMR CALI DIRECTOR, CONFIRMED PARAS ONE THROUGH THREE OF REFTEL. DR D'ALESSANDRO WAS IN BOGOTA TO SEEK APPROPRIATE COLOMBIAN AGENCY WHICH WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH THE UNIVERSITY DEL VALLE RECENTLY DECIDED TO END. HE WAS FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS.

2. DR D'ALESSANDRO BELIEVES THAT ICMR CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN COLOMBIA, PREFERABLY IN THE VALLE REGION, AND SAYS THAT THERE ARE MANY IN THAT FIELD IN VALLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO COOPERATE WITH ICMR. AID-COLOMBIA BELIEVES THAT ICMR SUPPORTS AID COUNTRY OBJECTIVES IN THE HEALTH FIELD.

3. IF NIH AND TULANE UNIVERSITY ARE INCLINED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ICMR IN COLOMBIA SHOULD A NEW COOPASATING AGENCY BE LOCATED, THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. HOWEVER, SINCE ICMR HAS BECOME A FOCUS OF ANTI-U.S. FEELING AND ACTIVITY AMONG AN INFLUENTIAL MINORITY AT THE UNIVERSITY DEL VALLE, WE RECOMMEND THAT ICMR SEEK TO ACHIEVE A LOWER PROFILE, AND TO REDUCE THE U.S. PRESENCE IN THE ICMR

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TO PERHAPS TWO OR THREE RESIDENT PERSONNEL, THE

REMAINDER TO BE COLOMBIANS. THE LOWER PROFILE OPTION  
HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH DR D'ALESSANDRO, WHO AGREES THAT  
ICMR COULD FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITH A REDUCED PRESENCE.  
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